

Site: M:26/10/81

Rockville Christian Church Parsonage

Built: 1917

100 South Adams Street

Private

The erection of this frame American foursquare for the minister of the Rockville Christian Church was a reflection of the 80 years of growth and success of this congregation in Rockville. It was located diagonally across Jefferson Street from the church building, and served as a Parsonage until 1960, by which time both the church and parsonage had outgrown their original buildings.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

DOE ☐ yes ☒ noNR ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Rockville Christian Church Parsonage

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 100 South Adams Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Rockville

☐ vicinity of

congressional district 8

state Maryland

county Montgomery (RV Planning Area 1)

3. Classification

Category
☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership
☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Public Acquisition
☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable

Status
☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress

Accessible
☐ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☒ no

Present Use
☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military
☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Riggs Investment Trust, Inc.

street & number 332 Hungerford Dr

telephone no.:

city, town Rockville,

state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records liber 6522

street & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse folio 619

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The subject house faces west on South Adams Street at the corner of West Jefferson Street. It sits on a small corner lot much reduced by road widening, with no trees or shrubs remaining. A driveway from Jefferson is northeast of the house and leads to an off-street parking area at the rear.

This 1917, 2-1/2 story four-bay by two bay American foursquare has Prairie/Craftsman-inspired details and a columned full-width front porch. The low-hipped roof with wide, slightly-flared eaves is covered with composition shingle and broken by centered hipped dormers on the front and north side. The foundation is cement. The house is now covered with 8-inch lap aluminum siding. There are two interior corbelled brick chimneys, one near roof center and the other on the rear slope.

The full-width Doric columned front porch with its wide friezeboard repeated at the roof cornice is a regional preference, carried over from late Victorian Classical/Colonial Revival styles. This foursquare variation is often called a Georgian or Colonial Revival Cottage. Windows throughout are 6/1 with plain surrounds, slightly projecting sills and nonfunctional aluminum louvered shutters.

The four-bay west (front) facade has symmetrical first and second story fenestration with four evenly-spaced windows on the second story aligned over two windows in the two north bays, first. The first story south bay has a wood-panel, six-light entry door with eight-light sidelights, square four-light corner blocks above, and an eight-light transom over the door. The full-width front porch has a slightly hipped seamed tin roof supported by four Doric columns. There is no balustrade. A flared eave, hipped roof dormer with a pair of four-light windows is centered in the roof.

The two-bay south facade has fenestration consisting of one window, east bay, upper and lower story, and one window west bay, upper. A smaller, 6/6 window is placed nearer the corner in the lower west bay. Two rectangular basement lights are in the main block, and one in the enclosed end of the one story rear porch flush with the lower west rear bay. A central air conditioning unit is mounted on a concrete slab next to this facade.

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Attachment 7.1

The two-bay east (rear) facade has two regularly-placed windows on the second story and one in the north bay, first story. In the south bay there is a seamed tin, shed-roofed addition with a wooden panelled six-light door on the left accessed by five steps with a plain wood stick, rail, and square capited newel post balustrade. To the right are a flight of concrete steps down to a cellar door. A rectangular 8/8 double sash shuttered window is over the cellar door. An aluminum slat canopy with three wrought iron filigree trellis supports shelters the porch.

The two-bay north facade has one window in the right bay, upper and lower, and one window in the upper left bay. The lower left bay has a pair of windows. Two rectangular basement lights are set into the foundation. A central dormer with flared,hipped roof and two four-light windows is also on this facade.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect	local history
1917		
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D		
and/or		
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G		
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

This building was constructed in 1917 to house the minister of the Rockville Christian Church, and served as a parsonage for 44 years. It is an example of the popular architectural style of that era, commonly called "American Foursquare."

History and Support

The 19th century witnessed the gradual growth and success of the Disciples of Christ ministry in Rockville. From a handful of members in the 1830s it had gained enough adherents and wealth to build a fine new brick church in 1893 diagonally across Jefferson Street from the subject site. 1/

In 1917 the membership of the denomination then known as the Rockville Christian Church authorized the Trustees to purchase this land for a parsonage. The Reverend G.C. Barnes was minister at the time. Parts of lots 10, 11, & 12 of the original Town of Rockville were bought for \$320 from the Stonestreet heirs. This land bordering Jefferson Street and adjacent to the Rockville Academy grounds had been in the allied Barry/Stonestreet families since 1846. 2/ An additional strip of land 10 feet wide was added to the property in 1923. 3/

The parsonage is a vernacular example of the Colonial Revival style known as the "American Foursquare." The house is symmetrical and box-shaped, with a slightly flared pyramid roof, centered dormers, and full-width one-story porch and classical columns. It has been used as a residence, altered only by aluminum siding.

The parsonage was sold in 1960 to Alger Barbee and Harper Smith. Harper and Thelma Smith owned the house from 1964 to 1985 4/, when it was sold to the present owner.

Footnotes:

1. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Site M:26/10/22, "The Rockville Christian Church, Bell Tower Building."
2. Montgomery County Land Records 262/428 (1917), "same as S. Holland to Basil Barry in 1846".
3. Guy Carter purchased the lots adjoining and donated the 10X150' strip (Land Records 332/143) and Montgomery County Sentinel January 19, 1923.
4. Land Records 2713/353 (1960) and 3198/103 (1964).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land and Plat Records. Montgomery County Sentinel
Interview with historian of Rockville Christian Church 12/85.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 9,202 square feet

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Bordering 150 feet on south side of Jefferson Street and fronting on east side of Adams Street, parts of lots 10,11,12 of the original Town of Rockville.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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